GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6104
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IMPORT OF SUGAR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of sugar imported during each of the last two years and the current year, till date;

(b) whether the indigenous production of sugar and its stock are sufficient to meet the requirement of sugar during the current year; and

(c) the impact of imported sugar on the economy and domestic sugar industry?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) As per the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, (DGCI&S) Kolkata the quantum of sugar imported during each of the last two years and the current year, till date has been as given below :-

S.No.	FINANCIAL YEAR	QUANTITY IN MTs
1.	1999-2000	11,14,940 (P)
2.	2000-2001(Upto December 2000)	22,882 (P)
3.	2001-2002 (during April 2001	Information not received

(b) Yes sir.

(c) With the increase in the basic custom duty on imported sugar from 40% to 60%, w.e.f. 09.02.2000, and the continuance of countervailing duty of Rs.850/- per tonne, the imports of sugar have considerably declined.